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# **Marshall County's Fry Cemetery added to Historic Cemetery Register**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Fry Cemetery to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now two cemeteries in Marshall County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 268 cemeteries statewide.

Ms. Jane Walley of Guntersville completed all the state requirements to nominate this cemetery to the historic cemetery register. Ms. Walley provided maps, photographs, and historical information for the cemetery.

Early settler Phillip Fry is buried here. He came to this area from Pennsylvania by way of Virginia and East Tennessee while the area was still part of the Mississippi Territory. He built a log house here and the area became known as the Fry Community. He was a Revolutionary War Patriot and died in May 1840. Burials ceased here in the 1950s.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that assists the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

The mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission** is to protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places. It is the state's historic preservation agency and serves as the State Historic Preservation Office.

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